Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 2003, 17,013 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes (94 in South Dakota); and,

Whereas, Drinking and driving injured more than a half a million people last year; and,

Whereas, Mothers Against Drunk Driving has played a vital role in the enactment of tougher anti-drunk driving laws resulting in a drop in alcohol-related traffic deaths since 1980; and,

Whereas, Alcohol-impaired driving remains one of the nation's most frequently committed crimes, and there remains a critical need for continued education, increased enforcement, and tougher laws and penalties for offenders; and,

Whereas, Business, government, law enforcement, service organizations, youth, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to safe, sober driving by tying a MADD red ribbon on a visible location on their vehicles during this holiday season; and,

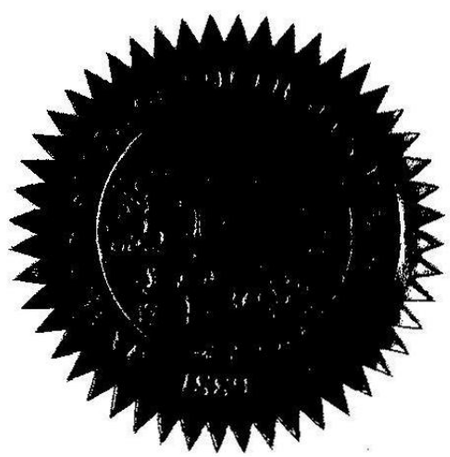
Whereas, These actions demonstrate America's pledge to the "Tie One On For Safety" campaign to prevent needless deaths and injuries; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is pledging its support of the "Tie One On For Safety" campaign to ensure the success of this life-saving program:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2004, to January 1, 2005, as a time to:

"TIE ONE ON FOR SAFETY"

in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens, government agencies, hospitals, businesses, and schools in South Dakota to make a visible commitment to the fight against drunk driving by tying a MADD red ribbon on their vehicles.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State